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Response to Rule 312 Communication	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Joseph P. Martinez	2873	

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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 04 January 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.


RICKY MACK
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Comment

Applicant's arguments, see p. 1-2, filed 1-4-07 under 37 CFR 1.312, with respect to the Reasons for Allowance of claim 20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the instant office action is to correct the Reason's for Allowance of claim 20.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 8-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art taken alone or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the claims, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 USC 102 or 103 would be proper. The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as presented in independent claims 1, 20 and 25.

Specifically regarding claim 1, Ikeda (5638223) teaches the state of the art of an optical objective.

But, Ikeda fails to explicitly teach a combination of all the claimed features including provided as said further external surfaces are two mutually parallel seats which lie at an angle of less than 30 degrees to a further optical axis, as claimed.

Specifically regarding claim 20, Ikeda (5638223) teaches the state of the art of an optical objective.

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But, Ikeda fails to explicitly teach a combination of all the claimed features including provided are two mutually parallel seats which lie at an angle of less than 30 degrees to a further optical axis; and further comprising a fourth seat arranged at an angle of 45 degrees +/- 15 degrees to the first seat and to said two mutually parallel seats, and wherein arranged on said fourth seat is a deflecting mirror for producing a third optical axis for a second housing structure, as claimed.

Specifically regarding claim 25, Ikeda (5638223) teaches the state of the art of an optical objective.

But, Ikeda fails to explicitly teach a combination of all the claimed features including provided as said further external surfaces are two mutually parallel seats which lie at an angle of less than 30 degrees to a further optical axis; and further comprising a fourth seat arranged at an angle of 45 degrees +/- 15 degrees to the first seat and to said two mutually parallel seats, and wherein arranged on said fourth seat is a deflecting mirror for producing a third optical axis for a second housing structure, as claimed.

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph P. Martinez whose telephone number is 571-272-2335. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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